



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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RULES OF CONDUCT FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

In consideration of your fellow library users and staff, the following is prohibited in the National City Public Library:

1. Engaging in any activity prohibited by law.
2. Weapons of any kind, even those licensed or permitted, except those possessed by on-duty law enforcement officers.
3. Disruptive or unsafe behavior, including interfering with library employees in the performance of their duties, obstructing or intimidating library patrons, or entering non-public areas without authorization (California Penal Code Section 602.1 (b)).
4. Activities or behavior that may result in damage to library property, including making any attempts to damage computer equipment or alter software configuration.
5. Sexual misconduct such as exposure, or unwanted, inappropriate, or threatening touching.
6. Leaving a child under the age of eight (8) unattended.
7. Entering the Library without wearing shoes and a shirt.
8. Using restrooms sinks or basins for purposes other than washing hands and face.
9. Patrons with hygiene conditions, including, but not limited to, clothing odor, body odor, and lice, that interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Library by other library patrons or with the functioning of library staff.
10. Smoking, vaping, sleeping, eating, drinking, or bringing open containers of food or drink into the building. Water in bottles or in other personal drinking vessels with a properly-fitting lid is permitted.
11. Bringing sleeping bags, bedrolls, or blankets into the building. (Blankets for small children are acceptable.)
12. Bringing any containers, packages, briefcases, parcels, bundles, or other items of personal property into the Library which singly or collectively exceed 24" x 18" x 6". All items not prohibited are subject to inspection. Personal property permitted under this rule must not be left unattended in the Library.

13. Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances into the building, except for wheelchairs and baby strollers/carriages used for the actual transport of a person or child or wheeled backpacks and book carriers not exceeding 24"x 15"x 12" (excluding handles). Wheelchairs, baby strollers/carriages, and wheeled backpacks permitted under this rule must not be left unattended in the Library.
14. Bringing any animals into the building, except for:
 - a. Service animals accompanying a person with a disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or properly licensed service animals. A "service animal" is a dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks to benefit an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Americans with Disabilities Act, 28 C.F.R. § 36.104; 28 C.F.R. § 35.104; and 28 C.F.R. § 35.136.
 - b. Service dogs in training in accordance with California Civil Code 54.2(b).
 - c. Service animals permitted under this rule must not be left unattended on Library premises.

Emotional support animals or any other animals that are not service animals as defined and set out herein are not permitted in the Library.

15. Blocking library entrance areas, aisles, doorways, stairways, or elevators, or interfering with the free flow of pedestrian traffic in such areas.
16. Making loud or unreasonable noise or other disturbances such as use of cell phones and/or similar personal communication or entertainment devices such as tablets, laptops, MP3 players, headphones, radios, or other portable devices at a volume that disturbs others. Cell phone ringer volumes, tablet alerts, mobile device alarms, or other notification sounds must be set to vibrate. When not set to silent mode or when not used with headphones, mobile phones, tablets, MP3 players, radios, laptops, or other portable devices may not be used inside the Library. Phone calls must take place outside of the Library.
17. Soliciting signatures for petitions, distributing flyers, selling merchandise, or other similar activities that may disrupt patrons' use and enjoyment of the Library.

Noncompliance with the Rules of Conduct may result in an individual being required to leave the library premises or in arrest and prosecution.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees this 3rd day of March 2021.